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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the human health in Sudan

USA have imposed unilateral sanctions on Sudan since 1997.The negative economic impacts of these sanctions on Sudanese citizens are considered clear human rights violations with direct negative impact on Sudanese's civil community .The most affected sector of the community were women ,children, elders disabled .poor' and patient.

The unilateral sanctions exacerbated the acuteness of some all the dieses for instance malnutrition particularly among children and women.

The depletion of clean drinking water had contributed in the spread of dieses and mortality rate. There is a lack of medical equipments, life medicine; for instance there is hundred thousand Sudanese who suffered from kidney failure and caner .The number of the hospitals that can treat these patients suffered from kidney failure ,cancer chemically or by radiation rays are not sufficient.

The direct impact of the sanctions on the public health sector increases the spread of the dieses and exacerbated the morality rate as normal consequence of the following factors:

1- The non availability of the microscope equipments , micro diagnosing tools for epidemic dieses it resulted in unnecessary delay for the confirmation of lapidary results foe epidemic dieses .
2- The difficulty of importing of some USA made medical equipments and tools negatively impacted the safety of food processing.
3- The steadily increasing in the prices of the imported medical equipments related to the medicine of the epidemic dieses and the pre-care.
4- The non availability of the vaccine for epidemic dieses like hemorrhagic fever .Also the current dieses like malaria ,TB, HIV, Belharsiasesa, diahrrial illnesses, pneumonia which are considered medical priorities .Theses dieses are considered the most common cause of mortality among at risk groups such as women, children, elderly and those who suffer from poverty.

The survey studies indicated that:

1- 75% out the population (24 million) are vulnerable to malaria disease and 25% spread the disease.
2- The yearly morbidity rate is 7.430 per 100.000 in the population .the mortality rate is 3.6 per 100.000 in the population .
3- To identify HIV it necessitates sample collection and kind of diagnosing needs USA made equipments this cause led to a delay in diagnosing HIV disease .
4- The economic sanctions impacted the information technology negatively in the context of scientific information, qualifying the working cadre in the medical field in the country and the successive excuse of the specialist institutions to conduct training courses capacity building in Sudan in line with the USA sanctions

We a civil society operating in human rights field, humanitarian assistance for the needy people, accordantly we call for international community to speed up uplifting of these sanctions so as to facilitate the delivery of these services. ***Theses*** sanction are inhumane, all in violation of all the international conventions that are appealing for peace, human dignity, freedom.

We call for the special Rapporteur on negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures to make some arrangements towards the Sudan sanction's file.

Thank you